

**ABSTRACT**

A cutting method and apparatus (20) includes a rotary cutter (28) having an axial-direction (22), a radial-direction (24) and a circumferential-direction (26). The rotary cutter (28)  
5 includes a rotary shaft member (30) having an outer peripheral surface (32), and at least one knife member (36) joined to the shaft member (30). At least a portion of the knife member (36) extends axially along the shaft member (30) and extends radially outward from the shaft member. In a particular feature, at least one peripheral bearing member (40) and desirably, at least a cooperating pair of peripheral bearing members (40) can be  
10 joined to the rotary shaft member (30). At least an operative portion of each peripheral bearing member (40) extends radially outward from the shaft member (30) and extends circumferentially about the shaft member.